

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Victorian Training Is Boring, Dull, Inefficient And Ineffective

Document to be tabled: Victorian OHSAC Discussion paper (doc 504) Questions: 1.Please look at the Victorian OHSAC discussion paper (Doc 504, extract below) from April 2010. Does this paper about HSR training in Victoria, say that “The format is often traditional: ‘sit, listen and walk away’ and this results in training that is often “boring, dull, inefficient and ineffective”? 2.Was it really a good idea to throw out the strategy that the SRCC introduced on 14 December 2005 to encourage a greater variety of training in favour of a model that is described as “boring, dull, inefficient and ineffective”? 3.Was the Comcare system in fact emerging as one of the more mature schemes that offered a variety of possibilities? 4.Is it really a good idea to copy the Victorian system which they describe as boring, dull, inefficient and ineffective?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

Comcare is not prepared to comment on a discussion paper about the Victorian scheme. Comcare had no role in preparing this paper.

Comcare does believe that the 2010 Guidelines will improve the quality of HSR training in the Commonwealth jurisdiction.